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Health Department closes some oyster beds

Baton Rouge- The Louisiana Department of Health closed oyster beds in areas 1-22 beginning in advance of the landfall of Tropical Storm Barry.

This includes areas from Lake Borgne to the mouth of the Atchafalaya River.

This closure is being taken as a precautionary measure due to Tropical Storm Barry affecting the health of oysters in these harvest areas.

These shellfish-growing areas will remain closed until state health officials determine the waters are clear and within approved area criteria established by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.

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